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ELABORATE PLAN FOR EDUCATING CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—It is not likely that Congressman Edwin Denby of Detroit, even though he should remain permanently in the public service will ever participate in any achievement more creditable to himself or more useful to mankind than that which is about to culminate in the education of hundreds of Chinese boys in the schools and colleges of the United States.

For years to come 400 of these young Chinese are constantly to be kept in the educational institutions of this country, those who graduate being at once replaced by fresh recruits. Most of these boys are to come here at the age of 14, and as the course they are to pursue will take eight years, they should return to China as thorough Yankees as it is possible for a Chinese to become. The effect upon China as time goes by cannot fail to be marked, and the ultimate advantage to the United States, in a material sense, ought to be great.

The honor of originating this great educational movement probably lies somewhere between Mr. Denby and Ellihu Root. Each had a large hand in its inception but it is thought that Mr. Denby first proposed it. At any rate it appealed mightily to the imagination of Mr. Root, then secretary of state, as it did also to that of President Roosevelt. And with the aid of these two Mr. Denby put through the House the legislation needed to carry out the idea.

The project arose out of President Roosevelt's determination not to have the United States make any money out of the Boxer uprising in China. The powers required China to reimburse them for the expense of the march of their allied troops for the relief of the foreigners and diplomatic corps in Peking.

When the United States government footed up its expenses it was found that it had been awarded millions more in damages than would cover the bill. President Roosevelt advised Congress that for the good of all concerned this surplus ought to be returned to China, and at this point Messrs. Root and Denby collaborated on the proposition to advocate that China use the income

from these returned millions for a long series of years to educate Chinese boys in the United States. China accepted, and the first 40 boys are about to leave China to begin their studies. The number will be increased to 400 as soon as that number of lads can be prepared, and after that this number will be kept in this country all the time.

It must be stated, however, that all the credit in the transaction does not belong to America alone. The authorities of China have something due them for their perception of the advantage their country will reap after these young men return home and take their place in the activities of China. We of the United States know that the young Chinese could not be sent to a better place to imbibe the education with which they will help modernize their own country, and therefore we can concede the statesmanship of those high officials of China who were well enough informed to perceive that which we so well know.

The Chinese government is going into the enterprise with such precautions and care as will insure its success. It is not the intention to select the boys by favor. Neither are they to come from any particular class or region. All China is to have an opportunity to contribute its youths. A preparatory school is to be conducted at Peking where the boys will be trained in language, habits, manners, etc., to the end that their transition to this country will subject them to no sudden stunning change. Having embarked upon the project the Chinese, like the wise people they are, propose to secure all there is in it.

The boys are to be taught specialties. Some are to become finished engineers. Some will study medicine, some law, others agriculture and yet others forestry, mining, chemistry, architecture, banking, physics etc. Only the best equipped, mentally and physically as determined at Peking, will be sent over, and when they return they are to have opportunity without delay to give the Chinese people the advantage of what they have learned. A bureau of the Chinese government, known as the American Educational Mission Bureau, has been established

to have entire charge of the selection of the boys to be sent to this selection and to see that they are not lost sight of when they come home after the completion of their American education. It is proposed to give them the backing of the Chinese government to every possible extent as fast as they graduate in order that the Chinese people at large will receive the utmost possible benefit from them and that which they have learned.

There is no doubt that the Chinese government has been moved to go thus thoroughly into the matter by the success of Chinese educated in the United States and now engaged in business and the professions in China. A number of Chinese who studied railroad engineering in this country have been especially notable in their accomplishments. Some of the best bridge work and general railroad construction in China was done under their direction, and the Chinese are very proud of the fact. The Chinese government realizes that within a few years China will be the scene of the greatest boom in railroad building in the world and they are patriotic enough to desire that this should be carried on by native sons.

With the railroads will come, of course, the general westernizing of the entire empire, and the boys who study in the United States are to be the men to set the pace in the westernizing process. The relations between the United States and China have been close and friendly for many years, but there can be no doubt that this educational movement will knit the two countries much closer than they ever have been. And this is capable of much emphasis when it is remembered that the boys educated here are to be government proteges when they go home, and in fact those who study for that particular purpose will at once enter the Chinese civil service and become officers of their government.

It is anticipated that the various state universities will receive most of these Chinese students as fast as they prepare themselves for college.

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